

CONFERENCE CALL SET-UP AUTOMATION

ABSTRACT

5 The present invention automatically establishes a connection to each participant
of a teleconference. Conference call set up and connect information may be provisioned
in a variety of ways, including via a menu-based Dual Tone Multiple Frequency (DTMF)
mechanism and via a form or formatted file sent from a subscriber. Additionally, a
conference participant is not tied to one telephone number or other such address. The
10 present invention queries a profile database to determine a conference participant's
current location before connecting the participant to the conference. Therefore a
conference participant who happens to be working from home on a particular day need
only update one database, and any conferences in which the telecommuting worker is
expected to participate will automatically be connected to the worker's home telephone
15 number, rather than the worker's office telephone number.

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